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LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Corrected formal drawings for the above-identified application were previously filed on October 7, 2003. However, because we have not received acknowledgment from the PTO, attached again please find the corrected formal drawings. It is respectfully requested that the drawings be approved and that any objections by the Official Draftsperson now be reconsidered and withdrawn.

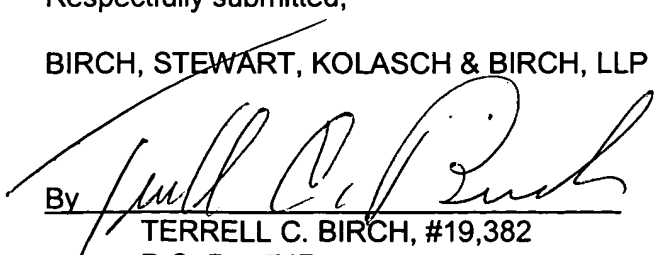
It is believed that the corrected formal drawings had been timely submitted. If our understanding is incorrect, it is requested that the Commissioner notify the undersigned immediately so that appropriate and timely action may be taken.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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